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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Howard M. Grey et al.

Application No.: 08/349,177

Filed: December 2, 1994

For: HLA-A2 BINDING PEPTIDES

AND THEIR USES

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 1998, Applicants elect the motif species that comprises "L" at position two and "I" at the C terminus, with the understanding that the remaining species will later be considered. A Petition for a two month extension in the time to respond is filed herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 19-55 are currently pending in the application.

Method of use claims 19-36 were withdrawn from consideration under the rationale that the inventions embodied by these claims were constructively not elected because they were not included in the claims originally presented for prosecution. As indicated in the Office Action, the inventions of Claims 37-55 and 19-36 are related as product and method of